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Dearest Mrs Chapman,

Thank you for your letter, I hope the parcel of books sent from London soon followed the letters &c which you acknowledge. At any rate I shall presume they did if we do not hear the contrary. Your letter to Mrs Follen was forwarded at once; & that you wrote to me I sent to Miss Pugh to strengthen her hands in combatting the colored school scheme which has strangely taken hold of some minds in London, & to our surprise of Mrs Follen's & Miss Cabot's. Mrs Massie laughs the thing to scorn, Mrs Reid protests against it, so do Wm W. Brown, Ed. Mathews &c, who explain its [illegible]; & in general when the principle involved in the scheme is fairly stated people detect the "hole" in it very speedily. Miss Pugh

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presented the thing so forcibly to the Leeds people that they meant to keep their "Uncle Tom Testimonial" distinct from the rest & to present it to Mrs Stowe under protest that it shall not be appropriated to this keeping up the existing distinctions of class on account of color. Bristol will I doubt not see the thing in the same light; but I trust Mrs Stowe herself will be impressed by your arguments. We are so comforted by Miss Weston's last tidings of Mrs S.'s fraternization with Mr Garrison, & her testimony in the favor of his anti-pro-slavery church policy. We trembled very much before, lest she shd be but imperfectly informed of the close relationships of the pro-British religionists with these "Bulwarks of Slavery," & should inadvertently strengthen the hands of the bigoted opponents of the Abolitionists. Ed. Mathews has been very nervous as to her influence, but now she has expressed her accordance with Mr Garrison on the Clerical question, & now also that he finds the New Secretary of Broad St's drawing up a thorough going A.S. appeal to the various denominations &c. &c. E.M. says "the Cause is safe." He thinks the Quakers are dropping the "Infidel" outcry as fast & as decently as they can, seeing that "the Cause has been going down in Gt Britain ever since they took to abusing Garrison", & now they find themselves in disgrace & are ashamed to be left in the lurch. I believe he has discovered the truth of the matter, at least there are many hopeful symptoms, of which this seems the clearest solution. I wish we might tell you all that Mr Chamerovzow has told us, but we have promised him to keep it literally to ourselves (Miss Pugh was present one of the eve- he spent with us in London) & was a partner in all the secrets;) he is fearful of being hampered by any of his counsels being prematurely divulged. But is it not a blessing to have actually purified Broad St. & to know that we have a hearty judicious coadjutor in Scoble's old nest, & that the Sturge & Alexan- faction can only be mischievous in their in*divid*ual capacity, for they they ~~will~~ have no secretary ~~one~~ to do their bidding. Poor Mr Ch. is in a mist & can't tell why all these prejudices exist & how they originated. He fancies *Scoble* was the sole sinner, & that the Com^e were only idle & too confiding. It does not much matter if he forms too good an estimate of them, so long as he does not give into any fresh compromising course, & that

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he is determined not to do. Mr G. Thompson met him one evening at our lodgings & they talked till long after midnight, & Mr T. "made a clean breast" to him of his sentiments touching Jos. Sturge. So Mr Ch. knows our opinions, & will be on the watch. There is such an antislavery tide set in just now that the Quakers will be right glad to slip into it without the mortification of making the "amende honorable" or confessing their sins. They are too "peaceable & Christian" to open up "controversies", & having pushed them out of our way we are quite content to let them compliment themselves on their imaginary virtues & pretended forbearance. They are coming back to us in Bristol in the most affable way; our society go straight on their such spirited meetings that those who

have excluded themselves envy
us not a little, & are glad to sneak
in whenever "way opens". This is
very desultory; I have so much to
commune with you about, that it
is impossible to methodize. Our
London gatherings were very pleasant
& very useful; we brought together a
great many people who will work &
much more efficiently now they know
one another. W. W. Brown who is on
a lecturing tour came back on two
successive Saturdays to attend these
soirées. Mr Chamerovzow was at both
& so were Ed. Mathews, Mr Oswald Murray,
the two young Miss Webbs, & W. W. Brown &
his daughters, the Miss Grant of Perth
& ~~one~~ some of the Massie family, & Miss
Grant, daughter of the Ed. of the Advertiser.
He was present once & met the above, &
Miss Pugh & Mrs McDonnell. On our first gathering we
had Mrs Follen & her family, Wm Craft, Miss G Thompson,

Farmer, Robt Smith, Tweedie, & a Mr Harman Editor of the "Hampshire Independent" who was an old acquaintance of Mrs Follen having resided at Cambridge. I wish you could have seen how earnest they all were, & pleased with each other, anxious to impart & receive whatever would serve the Cause. Mr Chamerovzow is an intelligent & earnest seeker for light, & must I think be impressed with the significant fact that he has to come to parties whom his employers have systematically ignored, & to come whom they have labored to crush for all his antislavery information. He begged leave to bring a Mr Fisher one of the Broad St. Comtee to our meeting to "see the richness of the land", but the gentleman was ill. I send you a few specimens of his letters just to help you in forming a judgement of him; but most of his communications to my Father have been marked "confidential" & we feel it wd be a violation

of his trust to let them out of our
hands. His first anti slavery be
at least the one thr' whom we beca
acquainted with him, is a Mr Ches
whose vindication of the Am. A. S. Soc
you will see copied in the last Lib
from the M. Advertiser. This young
man will be quite after your own
heart, he seems to have a "Mission
to see that justice is done to the true
Aboln. He had applied for our Repo
& Statements" &c. in order to indoctri
nate Mr Chamerovzow some time
before he published that letter. He
knows none of the Abolitionists
& ~~corresponds with~~ writes for the "True Wesley
which is the only American paper
he sees! I send you several of his
letters to look over, for I am sure
they will delight you, all the more
when you remember his intimacy

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with the Secretary of Broad St.
& whom moreover you are told that we do not despair
(tho' we have no authority for the
surmise) of seeing him associated
with Mr Cham.[n] in his A.S. labors
some day. Miss Pugh's letters from
Leeds & London will give you details
that I could not make so clear second
hand. You will be ~~delight~~ diverted
at the picture of Mrs Richardson's
(Miss Pugh's)
descent upon her. Her detention
in London is that she may accompany
the Quaker deputation to Stafford
House. Mr Chamerovzow writes her
a formal requisition by Miss Alex-
ander's desire. Is it not a strange
fraternization! But Miss Pugh is
just suited to win her way with all
these people. She is so gentle & at
the same time so true. A few of them

have tried to stigmatize her as a Hicksite &c., but in general she makes converts & dispels prejudices she is very discreet in her mode of carrying on the war. I send a copy of a letter to Miss Lupton from Sir G. Stephen: we think his proposition might give occasion for a good antislavery demonstration & meeting, but unfortunately neither he nor the people he names would have anything to do with Mr G. Thompson & to have it without him would be almost like "Hamlet" with the part of H. left out. There is a curious letter in a recent "Inquirer" by Rev Ed. Squire - lately settled at Boston wh. will be noticed in the next Advocate. Mr Bishop has written an excellent reply which is in to-days Inquirer. It is tantalizing to leave somewhat unsaid but thus I fear it must ever be. Numbers of people ask after you wherever I go, Mrs Tribe & the rest of our Comm^{ee} are most loving. You horrified her daughter she tells me with some theological heresies (or at least puzzled or *astonished* her I think was the idea conveyed.) Of mutual *intimate* friends I have not much to tell. Aunt Emma & I are living far apart & treading different paths of duty at present. Miss Carpenter I never see, she is so immersed in her reformatory schemes which have outgrown her machinery we think.

Ever believe me in much love, & grateful for your affection & your letters —

Yours most sincerely

Mary Estlin.

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